



C O N S I D E R I N G E The obligation, which his catholike magestye my lord and master hath receaved of gode almighty for to defend and protect his holy faythe and the Apostolical Romane church: he hath procured by the best meanes he could for to reduce vnto the auncient true religion the kingdomes of Ingland and Ierland as muche as possibilly hath beynd in his pouer: and all hath not beynd sufficient to take auay the offensis downe agaynst god, in damage of the selfe same kingdomes vnto scandall of vnholl christianity: yet rather abusing the clemency and benygnty of his catholike magestye: the heades and chiefe of the heretikes vnto littill feare of god haue taken corage for to extendetheyrcruell doctrine vnto the oppressinge of catholikes, mattering them, and by diuers wayes and meanes taken from them theyr liues and goods, for to bringe them by violence to followe theyr damnable sects and errors, the which they haue downe vnto the loos of many soules. The which considered his catholike magestye is determined to fauor and protect thos catholikes, which couragiously haue defended the catholike faythe, and not only thes, but also thos vnto for pusillanimity and humayne respects haue condescended vnto them, forced theyr vnto the hard and cruell dealinges of the sayd heretikes. And for the execution of this his holy zeale, he hath commaunded me, that vnto the foris of sea and land, which be and shalbe at my charge, to procure all meanes necessary for the reduction of the sayd Kingdomes vnto the obedience of the holy catholike Romane church. In compliment of the which I declare and protest that the sayd forces onely shalbe imployed for to execut this holy intenc of his catholike magestye directed only to the common good of the true religion, and catholikes of the sayd Kingdomes, as well thos which be already declared catholikes, as others vnto which will declare them selves for suche, for all shalbe well receaved and admitted by me in his riall name, which shall seperat and apart them selves from the heretikes and furthermore they shalbe restored into theyr honors, dignities and possessions, which heretofore they haue ben deprived of. Moreover euery one shalbe rewarde accordinge vnto the demonstrations and feats which he shall shoue in this godly enterprise: and he vnto which shall proceed vnto most valor, more largely and amply shalbe remunerated vnto the goods of the obsequies theretikes. Vnto the for seinge god almighty dothe present vnto his elected so good an occasion: that vnto liberty and in public they may confess the true religion: let not pass and escap so fitt an opportunity, seinge they can not excuse them selves et her before god or man: ether before god or man: ether can they lament of any body, but of them selves. And for theyr more security I ordeane and commaund the captaynes Generals of horse and artillery, the master General of the fild, as also other masters of the fild, the Captaynes of companyes of horse and foot, and all other officers greater and lesser and men of war: the Admiral General, Generall Captaynes of squadrons, and the rest of the Captaynes and officers of the Army, that as well in land as in sea, they vse well and receave vnto all curtesy the catholikes of the sayd Kingdomes, vnto which shall come to defend the catholike cause vnto arms or vnto without them: for I commaund the General of the Artillery that he provide them of vnto pikes which shall bringe none. Also I ordeane and streightly commaund that they haue particular respect vnto the houses and families of the sayd Catholikes, not touching, or touching as is possible) any thinge of theyr substance but only thos which will obstinately followe the part of the heretikes: in doing of the which, they be also gerther vnto worthy of thos fauors, which be here graunted vnto the good, vnto which will declare them selves for true catholikes, and as suche shall take armes in hand or at least seperat them selves from the heretikes, agaynst vnto whom and theyr fauors all this war is directed in defence of the honor of god, and good of the sayd Kingdomes: trustinge in gods diuine mercy, that they shall recouer agayne the catholike religion so longe ago lost, returne to theyr auncient quietnes and felicity, and to the due obedience of the holy Romane church norouer the sayd Kingdomes shall inioy theyr former immunitys and priuilegis vnto increase of many other for the tyme to come, in great frendship, confederation and traffic vnto the Kingdomes of his catholike magestye, which in tymes past they vnto were wont to haue for the vnto universal good of al Christianity. And that this be putt in execution, I exhort all the faythfull to the fulfilling of that which is here conteined, vnto warranting them vpon my vnto word (the which I geue in the name of the catholike Kinge my lord and master) that all shalbe obserued which here is promised. And thus I discharge my selfe vnto the losses and damages, which shall fall vpon thos, vnto which will followe the contrary way vnto the ruyn of theyr soules, the good of theyr oune country, and that which is more the honor and glory of god almighty. And he vnto which can not take presently armes in hand, nor declare him selfe by any one of the tyranny of the sayd heretikes shalbe admitted, if being in the enemes camp, shall pass vnto the catholike part in some seruise or battell, or if he can not pass, should fly, before vnto which shall come to the last encounters. In testimony of all the which I haue commaunded to dispatche this present, signed vnto my ouen hand, and sealed vnto the scale of my armes, and confirmed by the secretary vnto underwritten.

The great Adelantado of Castilla earle of sant Gadea and of Buadia commendador of Salamea Captayne General of the gallyes and army of the ocean sea; and of the catholike camp.